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Senate Republicans get the job done

LANSING – This past year the Republican-led Senate was hard at work passing legislation to improve Michigan’s economy, enrich education, protect families, children and our community, conserve the environment and improve healthcare.

State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, worked closely with his colleagues in the Senate and House of Representatives to address the needs of Michigan workers and job providers, while taking on the challenge of reducing the state deficit and protecting state education funding.

“It is my duty and pleasure to do everything in my power to work hard for the constituents and families of the 36th Senate District,” Stamas said.

Legislation authored by Stamas that was signed into law in 2004 includes:

- Public Act 25 – Prohibiting the possession or sale of a signal preemption device;
- PA 277 – Establishing the deadline for licensure of milk producers, a part of the Agricultural Licensing Deadline package;
- PA 395 – Creating the State Park employee, volunteer and gem awards; and
- Anticipated signing of SB 1449 – Part of the Attorney General Child Support Package

Key accomplishments of the Michigan Legislature in 2004 include:

- Sending some of the strongest protections against identity theft in the nation to the governor for approval;
- Setting the groundwork to help create good-paying jobs by continuing to plug away at the Job Opportunities for Business Success Action Plan;
- Passing new laws to reduce the amount of out-of-state waste in our landfills;
- Establishing a Recycling Coordinator and a Recycling Advisory Council to help improve recycling across the state;
- Taking steps to reduce and eliminate lead poisoning in Michigan;
- Doubled state funding to Michigan’s life science industry as an investment in attracting the jobs of the future;
- Authorized a reverse 911 service allowing emergency service providers to contact residents by telephone regarding an imminent danger or crisis; and
- Replaced the high school MEAP test with a test partially based on a college entrance exam to better prepare students for college and the workplace.

“This legislation will help protect Michigan residents and improve their lives,” Stamas said. “We worked hard on these bills to help make Michigan one of the best states in the nation to proudly call ‘home.’”

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